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GENERAL

1. THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE ELECTED GAETANO ADINOLFI AS THE COUNCIL'S NEW DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, APRIL 26, FILLING A POSITION VACANT SINCE THE ILLNESS AND DEATH OF COUNT SFORZA GALEAZZO SFORZA LATE LAST YEAR. ADINOLFI, A LONG-TIME COUNCIL OFFICIAL AND PRESENTLY DEPUTY CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY, EASILY DEFEATED BELGIAN SENATOR EUGEN DE FACQ FOR ELECTION AS DEPUTY TO COUNCIL SECRETARY GENERAL GEORG KAHN-ACKERMANN. THE POSITION'S TERM OF OFFICE IS FIVE YEARS AND CAN BE RENEWED. COMMENT: ADINOLFI'S ELECTION HAD BEEN CONSIDERED ASSURED SINCE HE IS WELL-LIKED AND RESPECTED BY HIS COUNCIL COLLEAGUES. HIS BELGIAN OPPONENT WAS RELATIVELY UNKNOWN AND THERE WAS SOME FEELING THAT BELGIANS ALREADY HOLD A PROPORTIONATELY HIGH NUMBER OF TOP EUROPEAN POSTS. A SCANDINAVIAN CANDIDACY WHICH WAS DESIRED IN SOME QUARTERS NEVER MATERIALIZED. END COMMENT.

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2. ADINOLFI, 50, A NATIVE OF NAPLES, HAS A LAW DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MILAN AND STUDIED POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE COLLEGE OF EUROPE, BRUGES AND IN ENGLAND. HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES SINCE 1953, INCLUDING AS HEAD OF THE PRIVATE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY BETWEEN 1967 AND 1971, AND HIS PRESENT POSITION AS DEPUTY CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY WHICH

HE HAS HELD SINCE 1972. THE NEW DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL IS
MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN. HE SPEAKS FLUENT BUT SLIGHTLY ACCENTED
ENGLISH AND FRENCH.MOHLER

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